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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Herman P. Miller, III

Serial No. 10/686,494

Filed: October 14, 2003

For: VACUUM RETORT ANAEROBIC
DIGESTION SYSTEM AND PROCESS

Examiner: Fred Prince

Group Art Unit: 1724

Confirmation No. 3540

Date: March 14, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-entitled application.

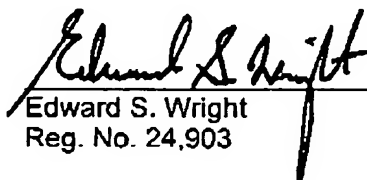
The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| | (Col. 1) Claims Remaining After Amendment | (Col. 2) Minus | (Col. 3) Highest Previously Paid for | (Col. 4) Present Extra | SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE | OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY RATE FEE |
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| TOTAL CLAIMS | * 16 | - | ** 20 | 0 | x 25 = \$ 0 | x 50 = \$ |
| INDEP. CLAIMS | * 6 | - | 6 | 0 | x 100 = \$ 0 | x 200 = \$ |
| [] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented and Fee Not Previously Paid | | | | | + 180 = \$ | + 360 = \$ |
| * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 3, type "0" in Col. 4. | | | | | | |
| ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" in this space is less than 20, type "20" in this space. | | | | | | |
| | | | | | TOTAL: \$ 0 | TOTAL: \$ |

[] Our Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed.

[x] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees, including extension fees, in this matter to Deposit Account No. 50-2975 (Order No. A-70239-1).

Respectfully submitted:


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Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 15, 2004, and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121, as revised.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS AMENDMENT IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE PATENT OFFICE FOR FILING VIA FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION TO (703) 872-9306 ON March 14, 2005.


EDWARD S. WRIGHT